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## NEWS

### *Air Pollution*

**\$14.7 Billion VW Settlement Won't Resolve Everything**  
Volkswagen AG still faces possible civil and criminal penalties in the U.S. over its diesel emissions scandal, despite a \$14.7 billion settlement with the automaker, the federal government and consumers....

### *Air Pollution*

**Deference Ruling Doesn't Apply to Boiler Rule Suit: EPA**  
A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision limiting the deference federal agencies are due in interpreting statutes has no bearing on litigation over the Environmental Protection Agency's emissions standards for boilers, the agency told...

### *Air Pollution*

**VW to Pay Up to \$14.7B in 'Ground-Breaking' Settlement**  
Volkswagen AG would pay as much as \$14.7 billion under a proposed partial settlement that would allow hundreds of thousands of car owners to sell their diesel vehicles back to the automaker, government officials announced....

### *Biotechnology*

**Monsanto Makes Gene-Editing Deals With Two Firms**  
Monsanto Co., the commercial pioneer of genetically modified seeds, made its first public foray into the world of gene editing with two deals to use technology developed by other companies....

### *Biotechnology*

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## **Senators Count GMO Labeling Votes as Sanders Vows a Hold**

Legislation on labeling genetically modified foods is getting a mixed reaction in the Senate—including the threat of a hold—as the top Agriculture Committee members shop around their compromise bill....

## ***Brownfields***

### **Senate Gives Go-Ahead on Brownfields Boost**

The Senate passed legislation by unanimous consent to reauthorize the Environmental Protection Agency's brownfields program and increase grant resources for remediation....

## ***Chemicals***

### **EPA to Post Chemicals Law Implementation Plan**

The Environmental Protection Agency will post plans by July 1 for implementing the amended Toxic Substances Control Act, a senior agency official said June 28....

## ***Climate Change***

### **NW Territories to Add \$10 Per Ton Emissions Fee**

Public and business stakeholders have until Sept. 15 to comment on proposed Canadian Northwest Territories (NWT) Environmental Protection Act amendments to create an Air Regulatory Framework that would set a fee of \$10 per metric ton of emissions...

## ***Climate Change***

### **Science Groups Urge Congress to Act on Climate**

A total of 31 science groups, including the American Meteorological Society, urged Congress in a June 28 letter to recognize the serious threats posed by rising global temperatures and what they said is a consensus from a "vast body of peer-reviewed..."

## ***Climate Change***

### **Senate Panel Follows House in Targeting Green Fund**

Senate appropriators June 28 resumed their battle to bar U.S. contributions to the Green Climate Fund just one week after the House Appropriations Committee launched a similar bid....

## ***Climate Regulation***

### **Inhofe Still Mulling Bid to Nullify EPA's Methane Rules**

Senate Republicans have not ruled out launching a Congressional Review Act (CRA) challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations on methane emissions but lack a time frame for doing so, the chairman of the Senate Environment...

## ***Climate Regulation***

### **McAuliffe Asks State to Evaluate Carbon Reductions**

A work group will examine and recommend ways for further reducing carbon pollution from Virginia's power plants under an executive order signed June 28 by Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D). ...

## ***Coal Mining***

### **Coal Companies Spent \$95M on Lobbying Before Bankruptcies**

Five coal-mining companies spent \$95 million to lobby U.S. lawmakers and more than half a billion dollars on salaries for top executives in the decade before they filed for bankruptcy, according to a report by an environmental group....

#### *Congress*

##### **Senate Zika Vote Blocked, Leaving Future Uncertain**

A \$1.1 billion funding package (H.R. 2577) to combat the spread of the Zika virus failed to advance in the Senate June 28 after Democrats blocked the measure....

#### *Drinking Water*

##### **Systems Violating Lead Rule Supply Water to Millions: NRDC**

More than 18 million people in 2015 received water from systems that violated a rule limiting concentrations of lead and copper in drinking water supplies, a report released June 28 found. ...

#### *Emissions Trading*

##### **Brexit Raises Questions Over U.K.'s Emissions Trading Participation**

The European Parliament may have to restart its work on the reform of the European Union's emissions trading system (ETS) for the post-2020 period because of personnel changes as a consequence of the U.K.'s decision to leave the EU,...

#### *Energy*

##### **Activist Groups Up Pressure to Oppose Energy Bill Talks**

Environmental groups are increasing pressure on the Senate to reject a motion to go to conference with the House on energy legislation as Democrats consider whether to throw their support behind holding a formal negotiation. ...

#### *Energy*

##### **D.C. Circuit Denies Sierra Club LNG Terminal Petitions**

Petitions by the Sierra Club concerning federal approval of two Cheniere Energy liquefied natural gas terminals were denied by a federal appeals court June 28. ...

#### *Energy*

##### **New York Investigating Oil Leak at Nuclear Plant**

New York state is investigating an unexpected shutdown at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant in Scriba, N.Y., and a subsequent leak of non-radiological oil from the plant into Lake Ontario, the state Department of Public Service...

#### *Energy*

##### **Next Brexit Test: Finding \$132B to Keep U.K.'s Lights On**

As if managing the Brexit crisis weren't enough, the U.K. government also needs to find 100 billion pounds (\$132 billion) to keep the lights on nationwide after 2020....

#### *Energy*

##### **U.S., Mexico, Canada Pledge 50 Percent Clean Power by 2025**

The U.S. and Mexico will commit to joining Canada in boosting their use of wind, solar and other carbon-free sources of electricity, helping North America meet an ambitious goal of generating at least 50 percent of its energy from "clean"...

#### *Hazardous Waste*

##### **EPA Proposes Waste E-Manifest User Fee Plan**

The Environmental Protection Agency proposed a user fee structure June 28 to fund its electronic hazardous waste manifest system....

#### *Mining*

##### **Canada Proposes Rules for Innovative Potash Mine on Native Land**

Canada proposed special regulations to ensure that a potash mine planned for aboriginal land in Saskatchewan does not create environmental problems....

#### *Oil Spills*

##### **Canadian Government Study Shows Oil-Sands Crude Floats**

The debate over what happens to oil-sands crude in a freshwater spill just got a new twist—one that could help unlock stalled pipelines....

#### *Pesticides*

##### **EU Confirms 18-Month Glyphosate Authorization Extension**

After months of deadlock, the European Commission confirmed June 28 that it will extend until the end of 2017 the European Union authorization of glyphosate, one of the world's most widely used pesticides....

#### *Regulatory Policy*

##### **Warren Urges Steps to Check Industry Influence on Rules**

Steps are needed to counter the influence of industry over the rulemaking process, which undercuts the public interest over time, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) said....

#### *Sustainability*

##### **Massachusetts to Offer Green Municipal Bond**

Massachusetts is planning its first green municipal-bond offering in almost two years, returning to a niche of the state and local-government debt market aimed at environmentally conscious investors....

#### *Toxic Substances*

##### **Canada Seeks Toxicity Data on Two Substances, Organism**

Canada is requiring industries to report planned significant new uses of the industrial chemical boron phosphate, including the form of nanoparticles, and yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisia* and plans to apply reporting requirements for a form...

#### *Vehicle Fuels*

##### **U.S. Underestimates Fuel, Carbon Goal Costs, Automakers Say**

U.S. regulators have underestimated the cost and difficulty of achieving their vehicle fuel-economy and greenhouse-gas targets for 2025 and are giving California too much power to shape the country's policies on those issues, an...

#### *Water Resources*

##### **Salton Sea Requires 'Immediate Action'**

An oversight agency in California warned the state Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown (D) that "without immediate action, California faces a major health crisis" when water transfers to restore the Salton Sea are cut off....

## **REGULATORY AGENDA**

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### **Comment Deadlines**

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